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By Fluid-Bed Spray Granulation and a
Process for its Production**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a listing of documents known to Applicants and/or their attorney in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of a PCT search report in which these documents are cited.

Applicants do not waive any rights to appropriate action to establish patentability over any of the listed documents should they be applied as references against the claims of the present application. This statement should not be construed as a representation that more material information does not exist or that an exhaustive search of the relevant art has been made.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned attorney submits the following concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language documents cited on the accompanying form:

Reference OR, foreign document EP 0 796 817, discloses a preparation of sodium percarbonate which dissolves rapidly and which is comprised of agglomerates of small sodium percarbonate crystals with specified average diameter, density and active oxygen content. An English language abstract corresponding to this document is enclosed herewith

and is cited on the accompanying list of references as document XR. In addition, a counterpart United States patent, (U.S. 6,340,452) is enclosed and is cited on the accompanying list of references as document BR.

Reference PR, foreign document FR 2 247 533, discloses a sodium percarbonate composition with improved stability when used in detergents and bleaches. The process involves treating solid sodium percarbonate particles with an aqueous silica sol. An English language abstract corresponding to this document is enclosed herewith and is cited on the accompanying list of references as document YR. In addition, a counterpart United States patent, (U.S. 3,951,838) is enclosed and is cited on the accompanying list of references as document CR.

Reference QR, foreign document DE 31 42 574, discloses a process of producing sodium percarbonate from hydrogen peroxide, and N,N,N',N'-tetra(phosphonomethyl) diaminoalkane. An English language abstract corresponding to this document is enclosed herewith and is cited on the accompanying list of references as document ZR. In addition, a counterpart United States patent, (U.S. 4,388,287) is enclosed and is cited on the accompanying list of references as document AR.

This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicants to comply fully.

Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-captioned application are respectfully requested. Any fee necessary

for the filing of this document may also be charged to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 21123/265258.

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